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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6, 17-32,<sup>1</sup> 34, 37/34, 38, 44 and 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsuyama *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,768,412) ("Mitsuyama"), and further in view of Ishihara *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,124,945) ("Ishihara"). Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsuyama and Ishihara, and further in view of Zhou (U.S. Patent No.

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<sup>1</sup> Contrary to the listing of claims in the Office Action, Claim 33 is not believed to be rejected under Mitsuyama in view of Ishihara, but is believed to be rejected under Mitsuyama and Ishihara, and  
...(footnote continued)